

Fire Chief Abaira Resigns. School Chief Johnson Is Leaving. Who Is Next?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

Boston Fire Chief Steve Abaira, Mayor Tom Menino’s handpicked appointment resigned this week due to a ‘no confidence’ letter signed by the 13 deputy fire chiefs of his command staff at the Boston Fire Department. The letter cited what the deputy fire chiefs refer to as Abaira’s ‘failure to take command’, his management style and handling of the Boston Marathon bombings. A Boston Globe report stated that the deputy chiefs sent a letter to Menino in late April accusing Abaira of failing to show leadership after the bombings because he did not take control of the scene and left it in the hands of law enforcement. The



deputy chiefs also alleged that Abaira had acted as a spectator at major fire scenes, instead of taking command, as his predecessors did. Abaira defends himself stating in his letter of resignation that he felt compelled to resign because “the baseless attacks by the Deputy Chiefs, especially their actions of making this a matter of public

debate by leaking their letter of April 26th to the press, has made it impossible for me to continue to do my job.” The letter from the Fire Chiefs sent to the Mayor in April states the following. “At a time when the City of Boston needed every first responder to take decisive action, Chief Abaira failed to get

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“D-Day”

Today is June 6th and it's a day the media has been counting down to. Newsprint and TV news coverage will be wall to wall from now to the foreseeable future. Some would argue for the wrong reason. Sixty-nine years ago the true Americans, now in their eighties, marked this day for eternity with a cause and a courage that resulted in the country we have today and we must never forget. “Operation

Overlord”; the invasion of Normandy - D-Day; the largest armada in world history up to that point. Only the invasion of Okinawa, “Operation Iceberg”, was larger.

No one can accurately describe the fear and horror of being under fire, but veterans, past and present, would mostly agree the opening scene of “Saving Private Ryan” comes closest to portraying the sheer terror. Yet those Americans pushed on through that madness, slaughter and carnage knowing if they failed their country, homes



and loved one might be destroyed. Failure or delay would have given Germany and Japan the time to perfect the atomic weapons both were working on. Germany had already used missiles for the first

time in history and had just begun turning out the first jet fighters.

Yes, it was a long time ago which only means we have enjoyed the benefits of their actions and sacrifice for a long time. The epitaph on our Viet-Nam Monument speaks

for all veterans of all wars. “If you forget my death, then I died in vain”. Yeah, the circus is in town but let's not lose sight of the brave and honest Americans who saved this town for the circus to be in.

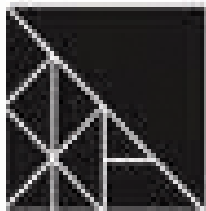
“He that can have patience can have what he will” - Benjamin Franklin

Last week's poll results:

Last week's poll question was prompted by the BRA's role in its oversight on development in South Boston and elsewhere in the City of Boston. Should the next Mayor of Boston allow the BRA to oversee Boston's real estate development without a master plan?

Here's how readers answered.

-YES 12%
-NO 88%



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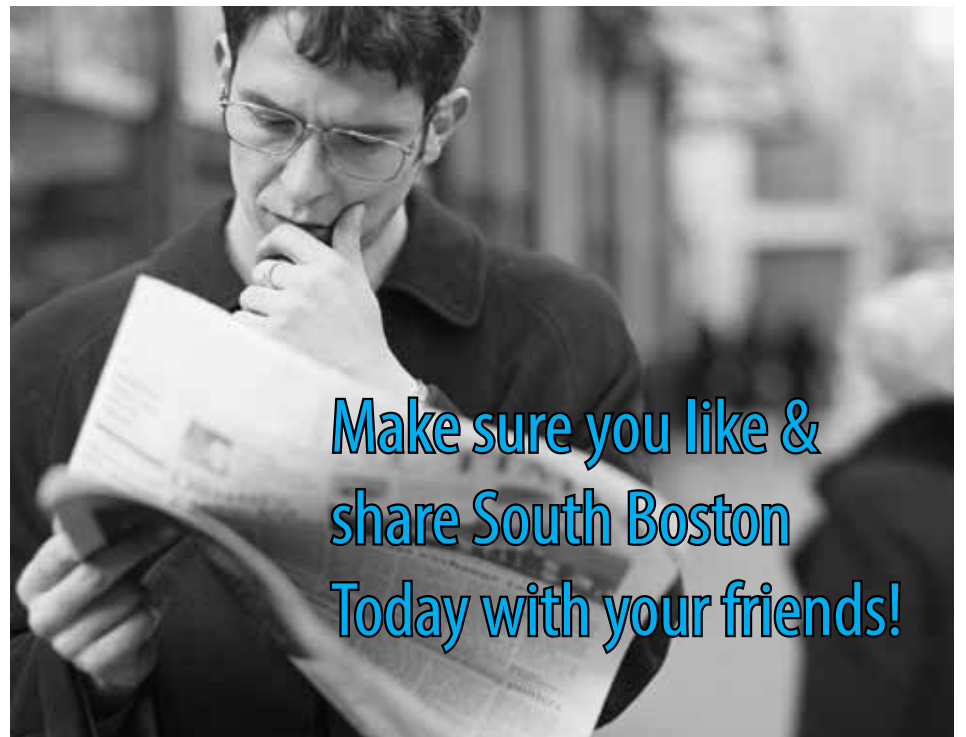
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There Would Be a Bond between Oklahoma and South Boston

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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Most Americans watched with disbelief, the shocking tragedy that was taking place in Oklahoma a little over 2 weeks ago, only to have it happen again to the area a few days later. Like most of my fellow South Bostonians, I have lived through blizzards and even the occasional hurricane but have never experienced the raw, brutal destructive power of class 5 tornadoes. I think that unless we personally were in the path of one of these monster storms, it would be difficult to even imagine winds strong enough to toss 18 wheel tractor trailer trucks around and reduce entire towns to rubble in the matter of minutes.

As we sat glued to our TV screens witnessing from afar what was happening to our fellow Americans in the Heartland, our own hearts went out to them. They lost everything that they owned; in some cases, even their lives or the lives of loved ones. Talking to family members, friends and neighbors about this in the days that followed, many of us agreed that the emotions felt were extended far beyond just sympathy for these tornado victims. Other feelings were of admiration, pride and awe as these courageous folks emerged from the destruction all around them, picked themselves up, dusted themselves off and went right to work helping their neighbors. They were not cowed and they were certainly not defeated. They got right to the task of cleaning up and preparing to rebuild. President John F Kennedy's definition of

courage was "grace under pressure". The people of Oklahoma seem to epitomize that definition by the way they live their lives.

I think that if the people of Moore, Oklahoma were to come into contact with a group of traditional South Bostonians, an instant bond would be felt among all. Here in our neighborhood, when tragedy strikes one of our own, whether it is an illness, a house fire or whatever comes our way, people quickly rush in to help no matter what the need. Neighbors often dig deep into their pockets to help with money. They strap on a tool belt and climb a ladder to help with repairs, grab a paint brush, a hammer or a broom to help restore a damaged home. Meals are cooked and delivered to those dealing with a major catastrophe. As South Boston residents, we are seldom alone in time of need because in most cases, we know tradition dictates that, like a close family, help is all around us.

As the tornados came and went in recent days and weeks prior, and the initial shock from all that incredible devastation turned to determination, we saw Oklahomans, these great Americans, climbing onto piles of debris where homes once stood to search for possessions that might be salvageable and yes, even for missing family members and friends, working side by side with each other to try to recover. They did not sit idly by, waiting for the government to come to the rescue. There was no whining, no complaining or blaming of others for

their situation. Oh, and notice there was little or no looting either. It's not their way. It's not the way of people in America's Heartland to act like they are helpless in bad times, just like it's not the way of South Bostonians.

I believe people here have more in common with the folks in Oklahoma than perhaps with people from some

other areas of the northeast. We share similar traits. To people in Oklahoma as is the case with people in South Boston, the important things to us are our faith, family, true and real friendships, long held and strong held traditions, patriotism and of course that spirit of rugged individualism and

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Questions Remain On School Assignment Policy

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This past February, after nearly a year long debate that included public meetings and neighborhood input, the Boston Public Schools External Advisory Committee voted on a change in school assignment policy. It is important to note that the South Boston community was originally left out of the debate as the Boston Public School department tried to rush through the series of public meetings. Thanks to South Boston's officials, particularly State Rep. Nick Collins, who was a proponent of the Quality Choice Plan, and City Councilor Bill Linehan, South Boston was included as part of the dialogue.

While the city chose instead to adopt what they referred to as the "Home-Based A Plan", it took on some elements that the Quality Choice Plan proposed as a result of the debate but not nearly enough. The Home-Based A option creates a list of schools for each student based on his or her family's home address. In this model, each student has at least six choices based on school quality. Every family will get a customized list of schools based around their home address (a "home-based list"). For Home-Based A, every family's list would include the closest two schools from Tier I, as well as the four closest schools from Tiers I and II, then the six closest schools from either Tier I, II or III.

Tier I: The top 25 percent of schools in BPS Tier II: The middle 26-50 percent of schools Tier III: The middle 51-75 percent of schools Tier IV: The remaining schools.

Mayoral candidate, At-Large City Councilor John Connolly, who was the principal author of the Quality Choice Plan referenced above, was quoted in articles published back in March, calling the plan 'flawed' because it eliminates the walk zone priority that guaranteed 50 percent of seats to children living closest to a school. The old and new student assignment system, said Connolly,

puts children and families in a win/lose lottery, and said the toll is devastating.

Most people view the changes adopted by the Home-Based A Plan as 'not as bold' as was expected after all of the meetings and pronouncements from City Hall. Furthermore, the External Advisory Committee essentially chose to use mathematics and statistics, and not human judgment as the basis for their plan. They preferred the process included in two proposals, developed by a professor and doctoral student at MIT and specialists from other institutions, both of which would do away with the standard practice of drawing student assignment boundaries on a map. Instead, a complex algorithm would generate a list of schools from which parents can choose based on a variety of factors, such as distance from home, school capacity, and MCAS performance.

However, you can see here for yourself. <http://bostonschoolchoice.org/>. With the election for a new Mayor, upon us, many issues will be debated. The school issue should remain on the table. Further improvements can and should be made

Parents are encouraged to call their elected city officials on any questions regarding school assignment policy.

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Councilor Linehan Recognized

City Councilor Bill Linehan recently sponsored and played in the 25th Annual South Boston Boys & Girls Club Golf Tournament fundraiser. A little rain wasn't enough to stop the faithful supporters of the Club from coming out to the Devine Golf Course to support this great cause. Over 100 golfers played in this year's tournament to raise money for the programming at the Southie

Club. Now in its 25th year, the tournament has helped raise over \$250,000 for the Club.

Councilor Linehan was also recognized as a founder and former Chairman of the tournament 25 years ago. Other past Chairman of the tournament were also recognized for their commitment to the Club and the Annual Tournament. Past Chairman include Eddie Downs, Tim Buckley, Paul Rooney and

Mike Conroy.

"As a kid the South Boston Boys & Girls Club was a great place for me and my seven siblings to go and enjoy ourselves along with countless other youngsters over the years. It's important to give back to those institutions which help shape who you are. It's an honor to be recognized with such good people who demonstrate its importance," added Councilor Linehan.



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Reading Between The Lines

“The Cure” - The Disease Is Upon Us

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Brian R. Mahoney

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Apparently it's contagious and it's spreading. Everyone and everything is being infected, including this column. I was interviewed Monday by Greg Wayland and his cameraman Kevin of New England Cable News (NECN). They were looking for some historical background on South Boston during Whitey's so called "Rise To Power". Unusually, the history contained here deals with America's distant past and primarily its military episodes. The history that I am personally associated with has never seemed like history. It was just part of growing up. My association with that period is like most of others from that time - associated but not included. How could you not be? Everybody then was a cousin or friend with everybody else. So when I hear of how "fear and terror" overshadowed Southie during that time because of Whitey, I just shake my head.

First of all the stories that have been written originate from people with agendas. Every story written by those who were involved is shaded to give them cover, immunity or sympathy for their own actions during that time - plus, most ashamedly, to make a buck.

For instance, I like Howie Carr and his books are some of the most accurate written, but he is all too eager to take, as gospel, the word of a drug dealer, who was just arrested for intimidation, while bilking a church of over \$200,000. Yet much of Howie's stories are based on this weasel from Jamaica Plain.

If you were involved in that activity, as virtually everyone named (including victims) was, then perhaps you had reason to fear if you

were cheating your partners. Your average South Bostonian, however, had no knowledge or involvement and no reason to fear anyone. Sure we knew some people were involved in some things outside the law. We used to call them 'The Murphia' - kidding around. We know them more as friends who had played sports or had fights as kids but were now friends. The treachery that was to come was still in the distant future then. Throughout the 60s however they were just friends who might drop by the house.

It's been a longtime but I can remember big Paulie McGonagie, always dressed in beautiful brown leather. It seemed he had a difference one for every day. Eddie Connors was so excited about his new son. Tommy King, big and tough but so funny and a family man with a wife and daughter. My own cousin, Buddy Leonard loved his two little girls and was Tommy King's best friend. They hung out with my oldest brother Paul and it was not uncommon to see them and others sitting around the kitchen table laughing and joking while my mother would make tea and serve them Irish bread. "Thank you Mrs. Mahoney" or "no more for me, Thank you" or Tommy saying "I'll take this piece" was how they behaved.

They were gentle men and people were not in fear. They still had loyalty to each other. The dissolution of that loyalty that was a supreme Southie virtue was the result of Whitey's evil machinations. One by one, he was able to turn them on each other through his lies, not his perceived toughness. Murderous, conniving, intelligent, was the sum

of Whitey's traits. Toughness was never a claim associated with him.

My cousin Buddy, disparaged in printed version, was in fact someone who had to be eliminated right after Tommy King was, because Whitey knew Buddy would come after him, and the truth is Whitey feared him.

We'll probably never know for sure who did what to whom. Hopefully, though, my Aunt Fran, Buddy's mother, even in death, will now receive the peace that will mend her broken heart, even as she rests in heaven.

Take care till next week.

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DCR TRAFFIC & PARKING ADVISORY

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WHAT: On Sunday, June 9, 2013, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the 11th annual Harbor Walk & Run for Tufts Medical Center and Floating Hospital for Children. All four lanes on Day Boulevard will be used for the race.

Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along the Day Boulevard.

WHEN: Sunday, June 9, 2013

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciuszko Circle to Farragut Road from 7:30 am to approximately 9:30 am. There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Saturday, June 8, 2013 at 10:00 pm through Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 9:30 am.

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning Saturday, June 8, 2013. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

Navy Seals Fought Fiercely to the Death During Benghazi Attack

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staff report



By now, most people are aware of the attack that killed four Americans at our embassy at Benghazi in Libya. The US Ambassador, another official and two former Navy Seals were killed in a battle that raged on for almost seven hours. But details beginning to come out now of the battle itself and what actually took place during that fierce firefight have confirmed what most Americans already know. The US Navy Seals are a professional fighting force respected by our nation's allies and feared by our enemies and for

very good reasons. The following is a partial account of some of what took place on that day/night now many months ago, as relayed by Dr. Charles R Roots, senior Pastor and former USMC Captain and US Navy Chaplain (ret).

What many Americans may not yet be aware of is the fact that when the radical Muslim attackers finally over ran the compound, they were furious to find that former Seals Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty had killed 60 of those attackers in the long and bloody battle. These

Seals, determined to protect the Americans in the embassy with their lives did just that and refused to give an inch against overwhelming odds. It is estimated that at least 100 -200 well armed radicals took part in the attack that came in two waves. This little known story of bravery, heroics and courage are what action films are made of, but this was not a movie. It was the real thing.

US Ambassador Stevens and Foreign Services officer Sean Smith along with other staff were working when the attack began. Security, which was supposed to be provided by the new Libyan Government since Washington chose not to assign US Marines - a deviation from what is usually the policy for American embassies - had deserted their post and in some cases joined the attackers. A short distance from the compound, Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty were sleeping. They were in Libya working now as private contractors. They heard the shooting, and being trained warriors and former Seals instinctively ran in the direction of the fight. They were unarmed at first but gathered weapons that the fleeing Libyan guards had dropped. The former

Seals then set up a defensive perimeter. Unfortunately, Ambassador Stevens was gravely wounded when Woods and Doherty arrived and Sean Smith was already dead. But because of their quick action, more than 20 embassy personnel were able to escape to safety.

Eventually, the two courageous former Seals were overwhelmed by sheer numbers up against them. They held out as long as they could; hoping that reinforcements would arrive. But, as we all know, that wasn't to be. They probably knew that they would lose their lives. But as Charles Roots explains, they took a lot of the bad guys down with them.

Had it not been for these two former US Navy Seals Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, it is almost certain that most, if not all of the more than 20 others who were able to escape thanks to the courage of these two good men, would not be alive today. Some people classify professional athletes and even Hollywood actors and rock music stars as heroes. And many of them are to be sure, good and decent people. But perhaps the term hero should be reserved for those who perform true acts of greatness; actions that go far over and above the norm. The heroism of Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty was such that their story should be told to school children for generations to come so that Americans will never forget the great people who were willing to give all for this nation.

This week in Washington, the investigation as to why so much went wrong in Benghazi continues. The question was asked, "At this point, what difference does it make?" But it makes a lot of difference to the families of the slain Americans and with each passing day, it makes a difference to a growing number of Americans who demand to know how something like this could happen, who was responsible and what can be done to make sure it never happens again. As the inquiries continue, it is hoped that the full story will soon be known and all questions will be answered and those responsible will finally be held accountable.

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Why the Southie Shuttle?

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What is dependable, comfortable, affordable, something you really can't do without and will show up whenever you ask it to? No, it's not your pet dog or cat, but it's the next best thing – The Southie Shuttle. The Southie Shuttle is officially launched and it plans to fulfill the needs of customers not otherwise serviced by the T, taxis or private liveries to, from and around residential South Boston and the South Boston Waterfront.

Why? The reasons for using the Southie Shuttle are simple. Members won't lose their parking space when dining out or shopping, running errands or attending special events in our hometown. Members can travel to the beach for a relaxing day and do it 'car free'. Members can travel stress free to their work place or to Logan airport. Members will always have a designated driver. It will bring new customers to our member restaurants. It will bring shoppers to our member stores and shops. Seniors are special and they will be treated that way.

So, why not? The universal reaction: It's about time!

The Shuttle's primary service areas are 02127 and 02210 (the SB Waterfront). It is not offered as a replacement for the licensed taxis or the private liveries, but as an alternative mode of transportation.

Local residents, Maryann McLeod Crush, Dennis Conway and Jim Collins, saw the need and teamed up to launch this much needed transportation option. Dennis has over 30 years of transportation management experience. Maryann is a businesswoman who knows the community needs as well as anyone. Jim has the sales, marketing and customer service background.

"We all have family members for whom this will be an affordable option. As for the demand from new residents, we have received over 150 inquiries on our website for membership information and we are only just now announcing our launch," said Crush.

"Every morning, at several bus stop locations, scores of residents are either packed like sardines onto the busses, become frustrated watching those busses passing by them or can't get a taxi to keep them from being late for work," said Conway. "The same is true at the T stops on the way home from work," he added.

"The Southie Shuttle is a long overdue resource to our senior community" stated Carole Sullivan, Director of Senior Center Programs at the South Boston Neighborhood House. The Shuttle has already been accommodating seniors with rides to senior centers, shopping, medical appointments and social events. According to Conway, over 180 trips for seniors were provided in May alone.

Crush went on to explain, "When I heard that my 86 year old aunt was paying \$8.00 to travel 6 blocks on the 'Ride' to and back from Wednesday Bingo at the Ollie Senior Center, we knew Seniors on fixed incomes needed and deserved a less expensive means of transportation in order to more fully enjoy activities in our community. Our donation only Senior Shuttle is available for Seniors Monday through Friday between the hours of 10:00am – 3:00pm".

It has also been made available for contracted services such as transporting the Irish American Men's Hockey Teams during the Saint Patrick's week celebration in March. "The Shuttle was a key factor in managing the schedule of games and activities of several visiting hockey teams," said John Cusack, Executive Director of the Irish American Hockey Association.

Other events supported by The Shuttle include the Laboure Center Auction, St. Peter Academy Auction, The South Boston Arts Community and the South Boston Girls Softball program.

South Boston is becoming well known for its exceptional restaurant choices. The Shuttle has a program to provide service to them. Barlow's Restaurant is the inaugural restaurant partner and Local 149, Jerry Remy's, Atlantic Beer Garden, Whiskey Priest, Murphy's Law, Boston Beer Garden and the Playwright have also joined with several others in the contract review stage. The company has two brand new 13 passenger vans and state of the



art reservation, tracking and scheduling technology for fast and easy access to the service. It is fully insured and employs only licensed drivers with safe driving records and who have passed a background check.

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Some Southie Beaches To Have Early Weekend Lifeguards

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staff report

As summer-like heat starts to settle in, people's attention starts to look toward South Boston's beaches. Taking that cool refreshing swim on that hot day could be just what's needed to hit the spot and refresh. Though the beaches do not officially open on a full time basis until June 29th, The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has begun staffing selected areas of our neighborhood's shoreline. But until the 29th, it will be weekends only and only at certain locations.

Last weekend, a section of Pleasure Bay (AKA The Lagoon) was protected by lifeguards in the area of the beach directly in front of the Murphy Skating Rink. An area of Carson beach, near the McCormack Bath House was also scheduled to have guards in place. The rest of Pleasure Bay, Carson Beach, M/N/O Street beaches as well as City Point Beach were still unguarded in the preseason

Each Lifeguard station is equipped with First Aid supplies, rescue tubes and 2 way radios for communication. Lifeguards are again this year wearing bright red uniforms so as to be easily located in times of emergency. All have been trained in CPR, First Aid and lifeguard training which includes Waterfront Training. Though people are certainly allowed to swim where they want to, it is always recommended that you only swim where lifeguards are on duty.

DCR spokesperson, SJ Port, told South Boston Today that the agency has not reached the number of guards wanted for this season and is still recruiting and hiring. Different years bring varying results for recruitment. Some seasons there have been acute life guard shortages; not only in the Boston Area, but around the entire state and nationwide as well. As the regular season fast approaches, the efforts to recruit more lifeguards will intensify.

SJ Port has stated that DCR will, in some cases where needed, help defray the cost of taking the test for potential

lifeguard candidates who may want to work as a guard this summer but for personal reasons, may not be able to come up with the money needed. People who feel they can complete a lifeguard course and pass the test, but are discouraged because of financial reasons, are asked to contact DCR Headquarters right away at 617-626-1250 and ask to be connected with lifeguard recruitment or the DCR Recreation Department.

As the water in Boston Harbor and at Boston area beaches becomes cleaner each year, the shoreline attracts more patrons. The crowds that once stopped making use of the beautiful resources that South Boston is blessed with are now returning in droves and have been for several years. While the ocean destinations at Cape Cod and the lakes and ponds in the mountains of New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine beckon to water sports lovers and summer vacationers, it's nice to know that South Bostonians, whenever they choose can stay local and enjoy a little bit of our warm weather paradise within walking distance.

ZONING HEARING

The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a public hearing will be held on June 12, 2013 at 9:00 AM, in Room 900, Ninth Floor, Boston City Hall, in connection with a petition for approval of the Second Amended and Restated Development Plan for 371-401 D Street, South Boston, within Planned Development Area No. 50, filed by the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority

Said Second Amended and Restated Development Plan consists of a hotel Development containing a total of approximately 510 rooms/suites and related uses as well as a parking development containing approximately 1,350 parking spaces which will also include ground floor retail/restaurant space along D Street.

A copy of the petition and the Second Amended and Restated Development Plan may be viewed at the office of the Zoning Commission, Room 953C, Boston City Hall, between 9AM and 5PM any day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.

**For the Commission,
Jeffrey M. Hampton, Executive Secretary**

The Artist's Studio

John Adams over 200 years ago, penned this quote: "I must study politics and war, that my sons and daughters may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, natural history and naval architecture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, tapestry, and porcelain."

Engaged and vital, the South Boston Arts Community has proved to be the silk lining within the fabric of South Boston. South Boston Today is pleased to present the Artists' Studio series as our way of supporting our friends and neighbors in community building.

Library Arts Festival This Saturday

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Guest Contributor Deb Putnam

The 42nd Annual Art Festival at the South Boston branch of the Boston Public Library this weekend is a hidden gem. The exhibition is an opportunity for adult and teen artists to share their creative spirit with the community. Every year since 1971 the library has been hosting this neighborhood art festival. This is just one example of the Library's commitment to promoting and fostering the arts in South Boston through a wide variety of programs including artist of the month exhibits, author readings, and films under the direction of Mrs. Francis, Librarian and great friend of the arts.

For those who just like to check out the local art scene, our Art Festival is a perfect opportunity to do so. Artists of all levels will be displaying their paintings, sculptures, photographs and much more outside in the lovely walled garden. Some of your neighbors may be displaying their hidden talents for the first time next while other local artists will be previewing their latest work. It's a perfect venue to visit, get inspired, chat with the artists and share some refreshments.

This year, along with the exhibit, the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library are sponsoring and showcasing the Community Canvas Tote & Tile Project. Now in its 9th year and the brainchild of librarian Laurel Moreau, this is an opportunity for people of all ages to participate in a project that is a unique way to celebrate community. Materials will be provided for anyone of any age who wants to submit a drawing, painting or sketch entry. The artwork is combined into a collage

that will adorn tote bags and a special tile to be on permanent exhibit at the library. As an added bonus, during the summer, the Friends of the Library will be offering the tote bags at upcoming used books sales. There you will be able to purchase a tote and fill it with items of your choice for just \$15.

Another highlight at this year's festival will be the appearance of singer/song writer and Southie native Bob Dunlap with Kathi Taylor. Bobby and Kathi will be playing original music and more starting at 1PM until 3PM. Although now residing down the Cape, Bobby and Kathi have been Southie staples for years. They were the "new" members of Orpheus Reborn, which included four of the original members of the legendary 60's Boston band, Orpheus, who had the classic hit "Can't Find the Time." They are founding members of several other popular, local bands – including RedKat Duet, Bob • Kat, Hogan's Goat, The Skiffs, RedKat Trio, and Slocum's Window. Don't miss this great duo!

Refreshments will be served to keep everyone cool. Please join your neighbors for a lazy afternoon in the shade of the leafy garden at the Library's 42nd Annual Art Festival, on Saturday, June 8 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the South Boston Branch Library, 646 East Broadway, South Boston. In case of rain the festival will be moved indoors. For more information, please call the Library at 617-268-0180.

Deb Putnam is a local artist and regular contributor at South Boston Today. Her work can be viewed at www.dputnamart.com





Women's Brunch Saturday Features Robin Farnsworth

The New Covenant Church of South Boston will host a Women's Brunch this Saturday, June 8th at the Church at the corner of L St and E. Fourth St. The doors open at 9:30am. There will be breakfast, lunch and music and the featured guest will be nationally known speaker Robin Farnsworth. Robin Farnsworth is in high demand as a speaker; well known for inspiring others in life-enriching ways. Ms Farnsworth has, in her own life experiences, known tragedy and has learned how to turn that tragedy into victory which, with God's help, she has been able to pass onto others.

All are invited and welcome at the Women's Brunch this Saturday Morning. Again, the doors open at 9:30am at the New Covenant Church of South Boston at the corner of L and E. Fourth Streets. Donation is \$10

LOOKING BACK

In 1972, Congressman Louise-Day Hicks was Honorary Chairperson of the St. Patrick's-Evacuation Parade. At left, is her brother, Atty. John T. Day. Mrs. Hicks lost her congressional seat to Joe Moakley later that year. (Copyright photo by Charlie Harrington).



A book called "Southie in Retrospect," is scheduled for publishing in November. It is from a collection of 40 years of photographs taken by Charles Harrington, former editor of The Southie News, who is now living in Florida. The book will contain many interesting photos of South Boston people.

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the willingness to aid those among us in need. These are things that run deep among us.

Yes, as we watched the ordeal that our fellow Americans were and still are going through out there, many of us could not help but feel that admiration and sense of pride in how our country's men, women and even the children are dealing with mind numbing circumstances. There can be no doubt that with spirit, they will not just survive and endure, but they will recover, rebuild, prosper and become even stronger. There is also no doubt that they can do this on their own if they have to, but it sure would be easier for them if they receive help. There are some causes that are worthy and then there are those causes that can be classified as priority. Helping

the Americans in Oklahoma is, in the opinion of many of us, way up on the top of that list. I truly believe they would do it for us.

Listed here are 3 organizations that are on the ground working day and night to assist the victims. Donations to any of them will help the Oklahoma Tornado victims in their recovery efforts.

-Checks can be sent to: Salvation Army, P.O. Box 12600, Oklahoma City, OK 73157.

-Checks can be sent to Oklahoma Baptist Relief at BGCO, Attn Disaster Relief, 3800 N. May Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

-American Red Cross: Text Red Cross to 90999 sends a \$10 donation. All donations are tax deductible

Note: Talk back to John Ciccone by email at jjciccone@southbostontoday.com

This Week's Poll

Given the latest controversy with the resignation of Fire Chief Abaira, how would you rate the job Mayor Menino has done, both in the quality of his appointments and in his ability to delegate?

Excellent

Good

Poor

Terrible



Dennis Walsh Invites All to the 'Friendship Social' This Sunday

Good Samaritan Dennis Walsh will always remember the day back in the late 90's that he was standing in front of the Murphy School in Dorchester waiting for his youngest son Joseph to be dismissed. Groups of cheerful children were all running for their designated bus. Something really stood out in one of those groups.

It was a young man who some might say had no reason to be cheerful. A boy who looked to be around 10 Yrs. old had the task of struggling with his walker to get to his bus. Witnessing this told Dennis that he had to get involved. He soon got to meet the boy whose name was Chris and got involved in Chris's after school program and eventually got to meet his family.

One thing that was lacking in Chris's life was the ability to socialize with other children his age. Eventually, Dennis Walsh came across an organization called 'Partners for Youths with Disabilities'. One day Dennis stopped by the group's headquarters on Berkley Street. It was only a matter of time before Chris became a member.

Partners for Youth is an organization dedicated to arranging one to one relationships for youths between the ages of six to twenty two. Partners for Youth provide role models who will enhance self-esteem and gives people greater confidence to face their futures. 'Partners' also hosts a variety of educational and recreational programs each year to expose youth to the skills that lead to productive lives and to encourage them to contribute to their community. This, according to Walsh played a major role for Chris in his social life and social skills. Partners for Youth has invited Dennis Walsh to become a liaison for their organization; something that pleases Walsh very much.

On another occasion, several years ago while out for a walk on Centre St. in West Roxbury, Dennis Walsh came across and older man sitting in a wheel chair out in front of a day Program that the man attended. They talked for a while; the man told him his name was Jacky Quinn. As

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the conversation ended and Walsh began walking away, Jacky called out and said "Hey Dennis, thanks for talking with me" This struck Dennis who turned and said "That's ok Jacky, I'll keep in touch."

Following that meeting, Dennis Walsh started visiting Jack at his Lower Mills apartment in Dorchester, where he got to meet many of the other residents that lived there. One was a woman named Doris. Doris, like Jack is afflicted with Cerebral Palsy. Jack and Doris started seeing each other and soon Dennis Walsh began helping them plan their wedding at St. Brendan Church. Soon after, Dennis Walsh became a volunteer for UCP (United Cerebral Palsy).

It was suggested to Dennis by a member of UCP that the folks afflicted by this condition need something where there is inclusion in society. Dennis agreed. So for the last three years he has been hosting an event called the 'Friendship Social' This event provides the opportunity for anyone with any kind of disability the chance to get out and have a good time. At the Friendship Social, there is music, singing, entertainment, sandwiches and desserts and much more. It's pretty much a night of socializing and fun. The charge for the event is \$10, but Dennis Walsh want's all to know that he does not want money to be an issue. If it is and a person does not have the \$10, they are welcome to come anyway. It is not a fundraiser, but donations for the programs and expenses for the 'social' will certainly be accepted.

A friend recently said to Dennis Walsh that "When we are doing well, we tend to forget about those who are not. But all we have to do is remember what Jesus said, "Whatever you do for one, you do for me".

Dennis Walsh is grateful to so many who have stepped up to assist with the 'Friendship Social'. Among the many who have helped him make it all happen are Local 369 Utility Workers of America, The Building Trades Council, The Dorchester Boys and Girls Club,

Florian Hall, The Green Hills Bakery and Lopes Florists. Walsh also said he is appreciative of the fact that so many of his brothers and sisters from Local 369 will be there at the friendship Social to help out. He also wants to stress that everyone, no matter what your circumstances is welcome and invited to stop by and say hello, meet new people

and to enjoy themselves in what will be a good night out. If you do so, you too will get help from above. For more information on the Friendship Social, visit their Website at www.friendship-social.us or call 617-694-7990.

Remember: It all happens on Sunday, June 9th, from 4-8pm at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. in Dorchester.



PLEASE JOIN US

Sunday, June 9th, 2013

**Florian Hall
55 Hallet Street, Dorchester, MA
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

A donation of \$10.00 would be gratefully appreciated but not required, to help defray the cost of the event. This is not a fundraiser, though donations will be accepted. We are extending this invitation to our friends and neighbors with Special Needs/Disabilities, s well as anyone who would like to make new friends. Come and take advantage of this opportunity to get together for an amazing night out filled with fun, food, dancing and socializing.

Sponsors:

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Building and Construction Trades
Council of Boston
Local 369 Retirees Group
Greenhills Bakery and Lopez Florist
Menino Committee
Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester

Music Provided by
"Gifted Fingers" Joe Peters

And
Tony Faunces of "The Platters"

If you would like to bring a dessert to share with the group it would be appreciated!

If you have any questions about this event please contact:

Dennis Walsh (617) 694-7990 or Maggie Desdunes (617) 259-706 • www.friend-ship.us

In Your Corner...

This week's "In Your Corner" will try to bring some clarity to the development process by describing the most public component - Zoning Board of Appeals.

This is a Mayor appointed board made up of members with a blend of architectural, building, labor and community experience and of different ethnicities, race, and sex and residency. It is designed to be representative of the City. Depending on your view of the Board's decisions, they are either called "pro-development" or "anti-development". Their task is made difficult by the balancing of the City's constant desire to create housing and increased tax revenues and the present residents' right to an enjoyable quality of life.

Basically, plans for a development are proposed and submitted. Plans which conform to existing zoning are termed 'as of right'. Plans which ask for a design outside of allowed zoning are refused. The proponent is allowed, however, to appeal that refusal and ask for a variance, or relief, from existing zoning. This process also requires community meetings through public meetings.

On June 4, two residents, Patrick and Romeo were granted an appeal of the project at 401 West First Street. The project originally approved in 2002, allowed for a height of 1.5 stories on Dresser Street and five on the First Street side. The project remained dormant until 2012. The new project would now reach approximately 5 stories on Dresser Street. Under what is called Article 80, if changes to a project are minor and not significant no other community meetings or process are needed. Further, the project was going forward under a permit presumably revitalized under the State Permit Reactivation Act. This measure, passed in 2010, allowed the reactivation of any expired permits going back two years or 2008. The last permit the residents have seen for this project expired 2006-2007. Supporting the resident's position further was the report of the City's Inspectional Service Division plans examiner.

The examiner of the original project,

who coincidentally was assigned to the present project, wrote the new plan was significantly different from the originally approved plan and suggested new ZBA approval. Based on all of that, the residents felt community meetings were appropriate and required, and so filed an appeal in January asking for that community review.

In what appeared a lopsided

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arrangement, the two residents sat at one table while the developer, two attorneys and an ISD official sat at the other. The ZBA Chairman opined that perhaps the ZBA was not the proper place to hear an appeal of ISD actions. Curiously a motion was then made to approve the ISD action. This motion passed without objection.

The quick, disappointing result left

the residents and others continuing to question the transparency and clarity of the process. "We don't mind the process as long as we know what the rules are" was the common sentiment expressed by those in support of residents. Sadly, the end result is the "quality of life" aspect may have been lost as Patrick and Romeo are now in the process of moving out of South Boston.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No.
SU13P1251EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of:
Vincent Paul Janulevitch
Date of Death: 03/09/2013
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Maureen V. Wheaton of Braintree MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Maureen V. Wheaton of Braintree MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on 07/05/2013**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong,

First Justice of this Court

Patricia M. Campatelli,

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June 6, 2013

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No.
SU13P1202EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of:
Mary Elizabeth Nolan
Also known as: Mary E. Nolan
Date of Death: 09/06/2011
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Timothy J. Nolan of South Boston MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Timothy J. Nolan of South Boston MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on 06/27/2013**. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong,

First Justice of this Court

Patricia M. Campatelli,

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June 6, 2013

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No.
SU13P1196EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of:
Dorothy M Jurkewicz
Date of Death: 10/06/2012
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Joan F. Benoit of Boston MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Joan F. Benoit of Boston MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

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Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

	Price		Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
551 East Sixth Street Three Family	\$965,000	5/20/13	11	2	4416
794 East Seventh St UNIT D Condo	\$860,000	5/23/13	6	2.5	1771
76 G Street Two Family	\$852,025	5/22/13	11	2	2502
689 East Fourth St UNIT 6 Condo	\$679,000	5/28/13	4	2	1275
252 West Broadway UNIT 1 Condo	\$617,000	5/20/13	7	2.5	2065
2 Marine Road UNIT 2 Condo	\$563,000	5/23/13	5	2	1000
765 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$530,000	5/23/13	4	2	1077
591 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$520,500	5/28/13	5	2	1327
698 East Fifth Street Single Family	\$504,500	5/21/13	5	2	1280
832 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$465,000	5/24/13	4	1.5	825
362 Dorchester St UNIT 3 Condo	\$455,000	5/23/13	4	1.5	1109
444 East Eighth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$450,000	5/20/13	4	1	900
148 M St UNIT 2 Condo	\$449,000	5/23/13	6	2	760
227 Bolton Street Single Family	\$446,000	5/20/13	5	2	1300
73 G St UNIT 2 Condo	\$424,000	5/25/13	4	2	817
320 West Second St UNIT 312 Condo	\$385,000	5/28/13	5	1	800
27 Telegraph St UNIT 4 Condo	\$385,000	5/28/13	5	1	733
18 Ward St UNIT 2 Condo	\$360,000	5/24/13	4	1	685
582 East Fourth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$355,000	5/24/13	4	1	707
41 Gates St UNIT 3 Condo	\$321,300	5/22/13	5	1	621
159 Dorchester St UNIT B Condo	\$290,000	5/24/13	3	1	700

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The 9th Annual Community Day – A Great Success!

The weather was superb, the crowd enthusiastic and a great time was had by everyone that attended the 9th Annual Community Day, hosted by the South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors. The event is held each year to showcase the great work that South Boston youth are doing in our community.

Nearly 200 supporters attended the event at the Local 7 Ironworkers Hall and enjoyed performances by the Improbable Players and many dance performers. A non-profit showcase of South Boston agencies offered information and resources to attendees. Young artists proudly displayed their "Painting Outside of the Box" paintings that were created at classes led by Dan McCole and other artists from the South Boston Arts Association, including Ann Marie Collins, Bill Frew and Laurie Walsh. Children enjoyed our annual sketching workshop, always a favorite, taught by Fred Melchin, Kris Kreitman and John Marshall Dyke. Additional artwork including mini hand painted Adirondack chairs and lanterns from

Medicine Wheel Productions were also on display. Children's activities included athletic games courtesy of Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) Condon Community Center, a balloon artist and a kid's craft corner courtesy of the BCYF Tynan Community Center. A delicious lunch was provided to all!

Youth Ambassador Alumni Moss Lynch and Taylor Kimball served as masters of ceremony and welcomed District Attorney Dan Conley for opening remarks. Representative Martin Walsh was the keynote speaker and spoke about the many accomplishments of the Youth Ambassadors including their community service and commitment to the arts.

The day was a great opportunity to celebrate the many ways South Boston youth contribute to our community. Planning is already underway for the 10th Annual Community Day that will be held in 2014. If you'd like to learn more about the South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassador program contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard 617-464-7423.





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involved in operational decision-making or show any leadership.” It goes on to refer to Abaira as a ‘ghost’ fire chief, who regularly stepped back from fire scenes to “shield himself from immediate accountability while setting the stage for under-mining the confidence and authority of his command staff.”

This is yet another handpicked Menino appointee to have difficulty on the job. For years, Menino has appointed department heads from outside the city rather than finding talent that exists in Boston. His choices have come under scrutiny and with mixed results.

Take school Superintendent Carol Johnson who will be stepping down. Under her tenure there have been no real changes to the school system. Only recently did an external advisory committee recommend

minor changes to the school assignment policy. Johnson also endured a scandal that included expired food being served at several schools throughout Boston last year. The department that she oversees was also the subject of a scathing report that outlined the excessive overspending of the department. Then there were situations last year when many buses struggled to get students to school on time as well as the chaotic schools ‘moving and closing’ controversy that rocked parents and teachers alike.

Then there is Commissioner Ed Davis, who enjoyed deserved kudos right after the Marathon bombing investigation and ultimate capture of the suspects, was greeted warmly back home at UMass Lowell commencement. Most recently however, Davis was testifying at a congressional hearing ending up

in a finger pointing and blame game scenario that didn’t sit well with the FBI over the lack of communication between the law enforcement agencies. In addition, and closer to home, you may recall in 2011 in South Boston when elected officials and residents alike pleaded with the Commissioner for more resources to fight the drug battle, both Davis and Menino claimed there was no crisis in South Boston. It took four drug related murders for City Hall to respond to what the residents of South Boston were telling them all along. Led by the efforts of our local officials, in particular Congressman Stephen Lynch and State Representative Nick Collins, a day time drug unit and DEA resources were brought in to make hundreds of drug related arrests in a matter of months. Forty seven murders

in 2012 and eighteen murders so far in 2013 don’t sit well either.

The bottom line is that the deputy fire chiefs’ conflict with Chief Abaira highlights the fact that outside hired guns, who are promised the autonomy to manage departments, are not allowed to make constructive changes through collective bargaining and collaboration. Instead they are used as tools to wield the heavy hand of a Mayor who wants complete control and has the daily press as his built in communications team.

Future mayor candidates should take note of the results of that approach to governing and mode of thinking. The public interest must be the top priority.

South Boston Today readers – your opinion is important – weigh in on this issue and take this week’s poll on our facebook page or at SouthBostonToday.com

Career Day at St. Peter Academy

On Thursday, May 23rd, volunteers visited St. Peter Academy to speak to the students about their occupations. Thank you to Police Officers Jack Boyle and Brian Tracey, Firefighter

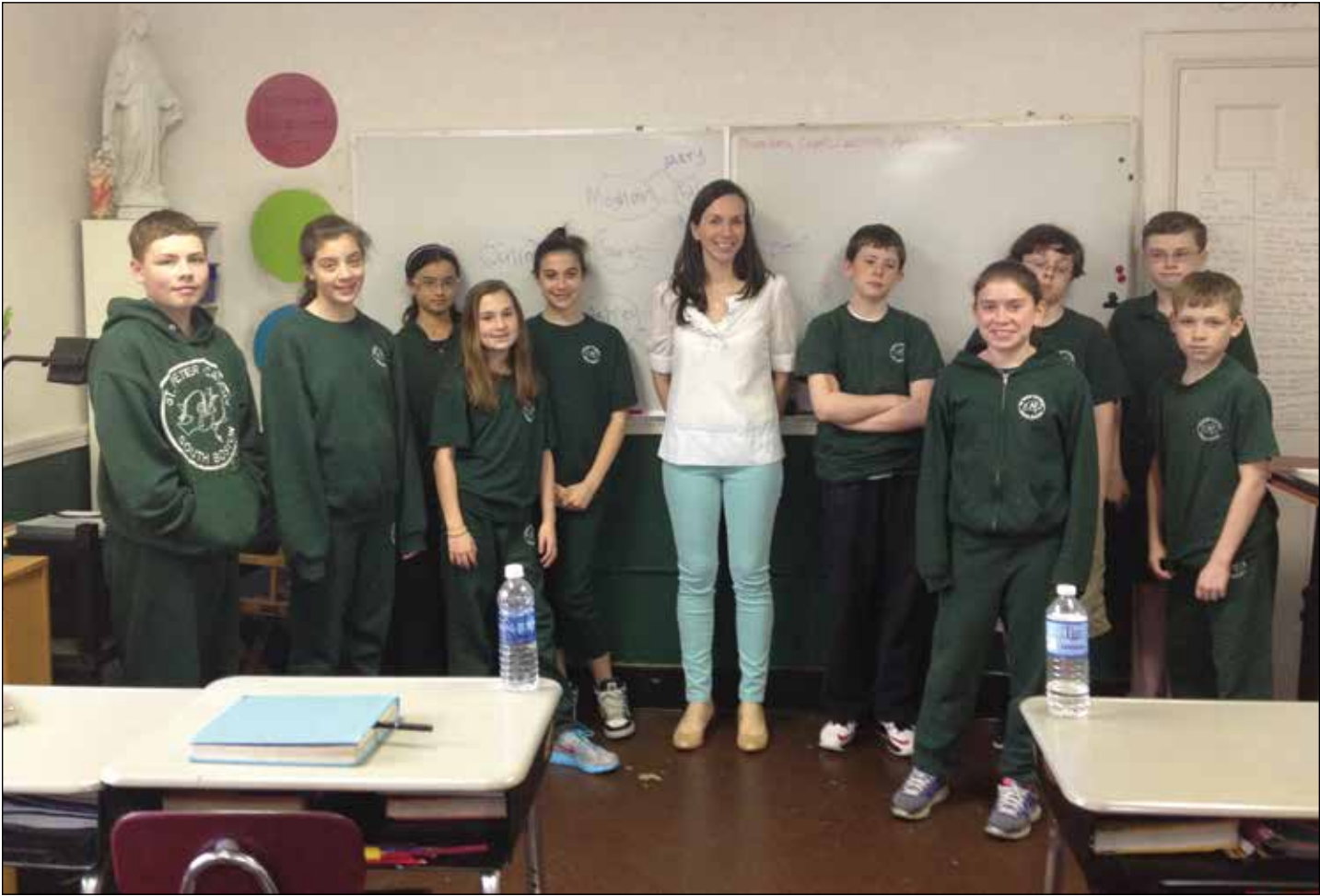
Aaron McCabe, Registered Nurses Flo Holmes and Jeanne Vaughn, Chef Carrie Germain, Construction Manager Karl Halpin, Public Defender Michelle Mannix, Adolescent

Psychologist Alicia Lynch, Registered Dietician Jeanene Cawley and Café Owner Olga Markos, for sharing their expertise with our students.

St Peter Academy, South Boston,

is an independent private school with a Catholic focus offering unique programs enhancing the educational experience for all of its students in grades Pre K through 8.

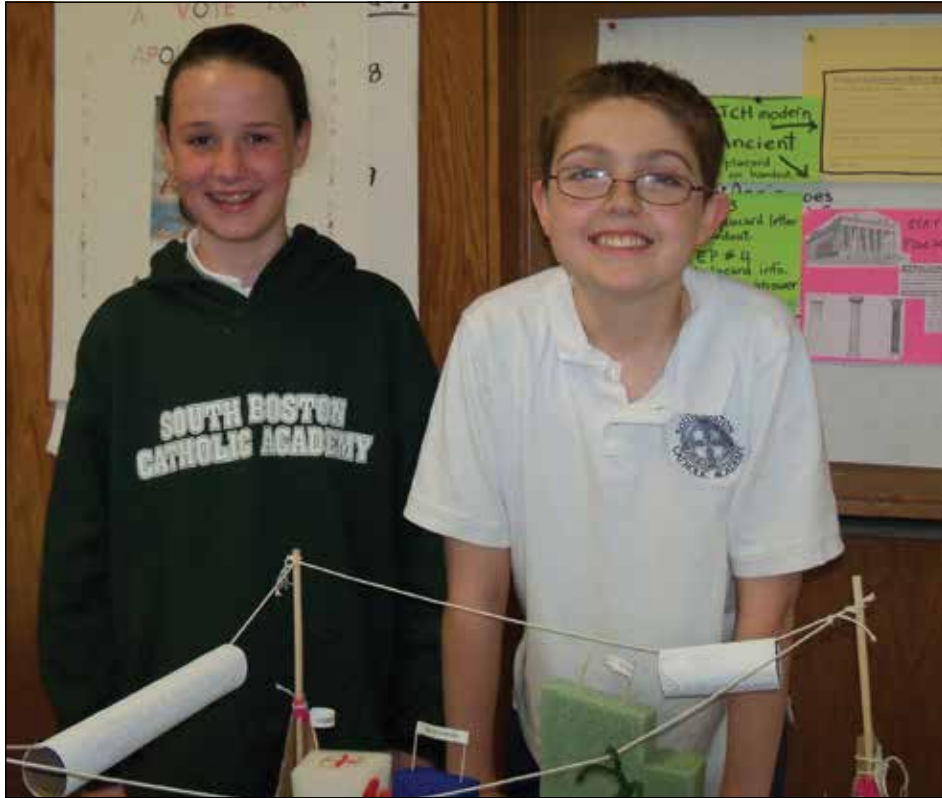




The Perfect World

If you had to design your own “perfect world,” what would it look like? What would life be like for the people who lived in your community? South Boston Catholic Academy’s 6th grade social studies students came up with some very creative answers and showcased their hard work at SBCA’s Utopian Fair. The students created 3-D models of their societies based on their own written plans for “a perfect place” that included a form of government, laws, housing, education, employment, and housing. Caption for photos:

Sixth Grade Social Studies Utopian planners proudly present their “perfect worlds” to SBCA students and faculty.





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Pat McDonagh- You Could Always Count on Pat

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The towns of Dorchester and South Boston were stunned and saddened by the sudden death of Pat McDonagh. A well known and loved figure in both communities, Pat was married to Maureen 'Moe' Talbot of South Boston and also leaves his sons, Michael and Patrick.

Pat loved growing up in Boston and 'being involved' in the buzz of the City. An accomplished athlete, one of Pat's most memorable moments was marching and competing with St. Kevin's Emerald Knights in the

CYO Drum and Bugle Corps Finals in 1967.

As an adult, Pat was known as the purveyor of fine home-cooked meals doing a thriving business in Lower Mills as Pat's Pizza before opening up Pat's Trattoria Restaurant on West Broadway in South Boston.

Our words can barely touch on the pain that his passing causes all of us who knew him and benefited from his generosity. The South Boston Today family extends its heartfelt condolences to the McDonagh Family – Pat was one of our own.

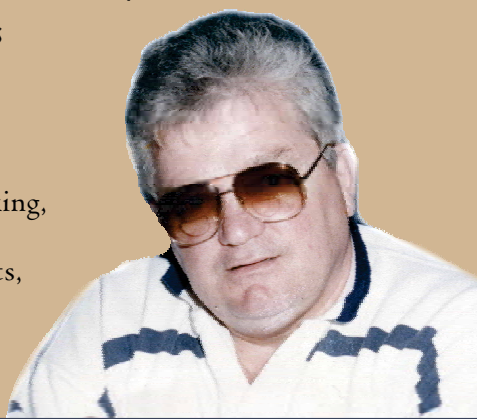
Edward "Brother" Nave

We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed and sore;
We did our best to the end,
'Til we could do no more.
In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.
You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere;
We never shall and never will
Forget you Brother dear.

Months Mind Mass

St. Vincent Church

Sunday, June 9, 2013, 10:00am



Go to our facebook page to vote on our weekly poll.

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A Night for

Jim Higgins

We would like to send a warm and sincere thank you to all who helped make a NIGHT FOR JIM HIGGINS a complete success. Jimmy, Jack and myself were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and generosity from friends, family and neighbors, it will forever be the best Southie time in my heart. To all the event sponsors your generosity is heartwarming and deeply appreciated.

Assembly
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Bob, Paula Linehan & Family
Bobby & Claire Miller
Boston Beer Garden
Boston Police Patrolmen's Assoc
Brian Burke & Family
Brian Cummins & Family
Byrne & Drechsler LLP Attorneys at Law
Cheryl & Joe Farina
Chippewa Club
Cityside
Clock Tavern
Congressman Stephen Lynch
Councilor Bill Linehan
Cuttin Club
Daniel J. Rull, Attorney at Law
Danny Delorati, Attorney at Law
David & Eileen Stoller
David Nagle & Family
Dolan Connolly PC, Attorney at Law
ESP Sound System
Florian Hall

Ginger & Jim Byrne
Guarantee Rate Mortgage
Jack & Cathy Tinlin
Jamie Benelli
Jimmy Callanan
Joe Connolly, Norfolk County Treasurer
John Nagle & Family
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Second Street Tinlins
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The Linehan Cousins
Thomas (Tee) Walsh CPA
Tim & Jane Buckley
Utility Workers Local 369
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Thanks to the committee for their tireless effort that made a NIGHT FOR JIM HIGGINS a great party and tribute from true friends. Thank you and God bless! Joyce, Jimmy and Jack Higgins



New Doping Scandal To Hit MLB

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ESPN is reporting that Major League Baseball is set to suspend close to 20 individuals this week including some big name players. The list includes top of the line players Alex Rodriguez and Jason Braun, both of whom denied using performance enhancing drugs and both continue to claim innocence. League officials believe this could be the biggest doping scandal yet. For years officials have tried to deal with and move on from the tainted years when performance enhancing drugs ran rampant throughout the league.

Unfortunately it's not that easy. And players haven't stopped using PEDs. For Rodriguez, if proved that he did use PEDs, it will be another reaffirmation of the selfish, self centered nature of his career. For the organization that is Major League Baseball, they are realizing that all of the time ignoring the problem just made the days of reckoning further down the timeline. There's no telling how long it will take to rid the game of this type of poison, or if they ever will. We will see how serious they are when the penalties come out.

2013 South Boston Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading Registration Information

South Boston Pop Warner football and cheerleading will be holding registrations on:

Tuesday, June 11th 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM @ the South Boston Neighborhood House
Tuesday, June 18th 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM @ the South Boston Neighborhood House
Tuesday, June 25th 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM @ the South Boston Neighborhood House
Saturday, June 22nd 10 AM to 12 PM @ SBPW Football Field
Saturday, June 29th 10 AM to 12 PM @ SBPW Football Field

A through E registration fees will be \$150 and F players will be \$100.

This registration is for both football and cheerleading. We will not be accepting registrations for A level football.

Players from previous years must sign up each year. No player or cheerleader is guaranteed a spot on a roster. The maximum team size is 35 and registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Waiting list will be formed once we reached 35 per team.

Paperwork needed to participate

- 1) An original birth certificate (no copies). Certified copies are on-file for players who participated on the A through E teams. No Tiny Mite players' birth certificates were certified.
- 2) National Registration Form can be downloaded from our website www.SBPW.com. The form has to be totally completed with both the parent and players' signature on the backside of the form.
- 3) National Medical Waiver can be downloaded from our website. The form has to be completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner and has to be dated after January 1, 2013. Physicals prior to January 1, 2013 will not be accepted.
- 4) Registration fee.
- 5) Copy of the June 2013 report card – which will be collected in the summer.

If you do not have items 1 – 4, you will not be allowed to register your child.

Football Players & Cheerleaders – Ages by Team (Weight requirement is football only)

TEAM	AGES	WEIGHT RANGE	OLDER/LIGHTER AGE	OLDER/LIGHTER WEIGHT RANGE
A	12-13-14-15			
B	10-11-12	90-145	13	90-120
C	9-10-11	75-120	12	75-100
D	8-9-10	60-105	11	60-85
E	7-8	45-90	9	45-75
F	5-6-7	35-75		

100 fun facts for my 100th post

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Tim Burke

The first World Series was a nine game series.
Bobby Richardson won the World Series MVP for the losing team in 1960.
Nobody collected an RBI in the 1968 All Star game.
The Dodgers and Cubs swapped their entire minor league teams in 1957.
At the end of his career, Warren Spahn had the same number of wins as he did hits (363).
On August 4, 1982, Joel Youngblood got hits for two different teams on the same day: after getting a hit for the Mets, he was traded to Montreal in the middle of the game and rushed to Philadelphia where the Expos were playing. He got his second hit of the day for his new team in the seventh inning.
Nolan Ryan had the longest career of any MLB player (27 years).
A baseball has 108 stitches.
The farthest home run was hit by Mickey Mantle. It was between 634 and 660 feet.
It took 12 years for the number of balls required to draw a walk to drop from 8 to 4.
The Giants have the most players inducted to the Hall of Fame with 23.
Pitchers have been inducted to the Hall of Fame more than any other position.
Nap Lajoie was the first player to win the Triple Crown.
Babe Ruth has an 0.87 E.R.A. in the World Series.
Phil Esposito was the first NHL player to record 100 points.
The NHL once had a rule that the Captain had to be on the ice at all times.
The Montreal Canadiens are the only team older than the NHL.
Ray Bourque won the Calder Trophy (for best rookie) in Wayne Gretzky's first year.
Tiger Williams holds the all time penalty minute record with 3966.
Hank Aaron is second all time in home runs, but never hit 50 in a season.
Roberto Clemente finished his career with 3,000 hits exactly.
Willie O'Ree was the first African-American NHL player, joining the Bruins in the 1957-58 season.
Bill Mosienko scored a hat trick in 21 seconds.
Wayne Gretzky's 2857 career points is the most in NHL history.
Martin Brodeur has 117 career shutouts.
Martin Brodeur has career 650 wins.
Gretzky is number first, second, third, and fourth single season point leaders.
Orr, Esposito, Lemieux and Gretzky account for 37 of the 270 times NHL players have reached the 100 point mark in a season.
Gretzky reached the 100 point mark in 15 different seasons.
Gretzky is the only player to reach 200 points in a season. He did it four times.
Brett Hull is the only American-born player to have 700 goals.
Nine American-born players have 1000 points.
Tony Harrah and Bump Wills hit back to back inside the park home runs on consecutive pitches for the Texas Rangers on August 27, 1977, against the Yankees.
Reggie Jackson is known for his great power and clutch hitting, but he struck out more than any other batter: 2,597 times.
Babe Ruth never hit four home runs in a game.
Barry Bonds is known for the all-time home run record and steroids, but did you know he was the first player to hit 500 home runs and steal 500 bases.
Bo Jackson is the only player selected to the MLB All Star game and the NFL Pro Bowl.
Babe Ruth was the first player to hit 30 home runs in a season.
In 1996, the Baltimore Orioles became the first wild card team to win a playoff series.
Lee Richmond threw the first perfect game on June 12, 1880.
Greg Maddux won every National League Gold Glove for Pitcher from 1990 to 1999.
Chicago was the first city to host the All Star Game (in 1933).
Ichiro Suzuki has the most hits by any rookie, with 242 hits in 2001.
Rickey Henderson stole 838 of his 1406 stolen bases in the 1980s.
Babe Ruth may be known for being traded from the Red Sox to the Yankees, but he started his career for the Baltimore Orioles.
Deion Sanderson was the first player to hit an MLB home run and score an NFL touchdown.
Bill Mueller is the first switch hitter to hit a grand slam from both sides of the plate in the same game.
Nolan Ryan was the first MLB player to be paid a million dollars.
Don Larsen is the only pitcher to throw a perfect game in the World Series.
Barry Bonds only hit more than 50 home runs in a season once in his career, with 71 in 2001.
Willie Mays hit 22 extra innings home runs, which is the all-time record.
Jose Canseco was the first player to hit 40 home runs and steal 40 bases in the same season.
Derek Jeter has never won an MVP.
Jimmie Fox was the first player to win back-to-back MVP awards.
Ted Williams has the highest career OBP with .482.
Prior to the 1927-28 season, forward passes were not allowed in hockey.
In 1974, the Buffalo Sabers General Manager, Punch Imlach, drafted Taro Tsujimoto of the Tokyo Katanas. Tsujimoto and the Tokyo Katanas are not real.
The Anaheim Ducks, originally the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, were named after the Disney movie The Mighty Ducks.
When the Bruins signed Bobby Orr to a five year \$200,000 contract in 1971, it was the first million dollar contract in NHL history.

In 1992 Manon Rheume became the first female goaltender to play in an NHL game, suiting up for the Tampa Bay Lightning in an exhibition game.
Wayne Gretzky holds 61 NHL records, the most by any player.
Bobby Hull has the fastest slap shot of all time at 118 miles per hour.
The diameter of a hockey puck is three inches.
The first hockey puck ever used was a frozen piece of cow poop.
Frank Zamboni invented the Zamboni in 1949.
Ray Caldwell was pitching for the Cleveland Indians in the ninth inning against the Philadelphia A's on August 12, 1919, when he was struck by lightning; he staggered to his feet, said, "Give me that danged ball and turn me toward the plate," and threw a final pitch to win the game.
No player has batted over .400 since Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941.
Wrigley Field did not install lights until 1988.
Craig MacTavish was the last helmetless player in hockey; he retired in 1977.
Ricky Henderson stole 132 bases in 1982.
In 1983 an earthquake struck the San Francisco Bay Area and postponed the World Series for ten days.
Johnny Vander Meer threw consecutive no hitters against the Boston Bs and the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1938.
The New York Islanders won four straight Stanley Cups, from 1980-1983.
Ray Chapman became the only MLB player to be killed on the diamond when a spitball thrown by Carl Mays hit him on the temple on August 17, 1920.
Cal Ripkin, Jr., played 2,632 consecutive games over 17 seasons.
On February 16, 2004, Tod Bertuzzi punched Steve Moore from behind, ending Moore's career; Bertuzzi got a year's suspension.
Wayne Gretzky was traded to the L.A. Kings from the Edmonton Oilers due to the Oilers' financial problems.
In 1995, Hideo Nomo became the first Japanese-born player to play in a major league game.
In 1968, Major League Baseball decided to lower the mound from 15 inches to 10 inches.
The Houston Astrodome opened in 1965 as the world's first indoor sports stadium.
Pete Rose was banned from baseball in August of 1989 for allegedly betting on his own team as a player and manager.
Curt Flood was the first free agent in sports history.
Shoeless Joe Jackson and seven other members of the White Sox allegedly threw the 1919 World Series in exchange for gambling profits.
On February 2, 1980, the USA hockey team, made up of college kids, beat the Soviet team to advance to the final round of the 1980 Olympics.
Babe Ruth paid a fan twenty dollars for the return of the baseball that he hit for his 700th home run.
The average lifespan of a baseball is five to seven pitches.
Babe Ruth wore a cabbage leaf under his baseball cap to keep him cool. It was changed every two innings.
The average pitch rotates 15 times before being hit.
The original Stanley Cup was seven and a half inches.
The first baseball caps were made from straw.
A face-off was originally called a puck-off or a face-of-the-puck.
A forfeited game is recorded as 9-0.
Cy Young has pitched 7,356 innings in his career, more than any other player.
Major League baseball teams use about 850,000 baseballs a season.
Mark McGwire's 70 home runs in 1998 were hit for a total of 29,598 feet: enough to fly over Mount Everest.
Harry Chiti was the first MLB player to be traded for himself. He was first traded for "a player to be named later." He ended up being the player to be named later.
Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry said in 1963, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run."
On July 20, 1969, shortly after Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, Perry hit his first and only home run.
The standard North American hockey rink is 200 feet long and 85 feet wide.
Detroit fans always throw octopuses on the ice when the Red Wings score during the playoffs. The tradition goes back to the Original Six era (which lasted from the first NHL game in the 1920s, to the 1960s), when it took only eight victories to win the Stanley Cup playoffs, one for each of the octopus's tentacles.
The Bruins are the only NHL team to come back from a 3 goal deficit in the third period during the 7th game of a playoff series. They did this against the Toronto Maple Leafs in 2013.

SENIOR BABE RUTH BASEBALL NOTES

This week starts the 53rd year of baseball for the 18 and under here in South Boston. There are not many programs for this age group and certainly not any that have been around for so long. The Southie Nine are playing in the South Shore Babe Ruth League against teams from Milton, Dorchester, Quincy, Braintree, Dedham, Norwood, and Hingham-Hull. They are playing a 16 game schedule with playoffs and perhaps an All Stars Game to follow. The season kicks off tonight June 6th with a home game vs. Norwood. Next up will Tuesday June 11 when Southie host Cedar Grove and Wednesday June 12 the good guys travel to Braintree High School. All games start at 6 P.M. The players are selling tickets for a 50/50 drawing to be held on June 19th at the field. This will help support the team so please buy a ticket or two. There may be a few spots available on the team, if interested come down to the games and speak with the coaches.



**Every week, we will run an interview from Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show "I'm Just Sayin", which can be heard LIVE every weekday from 8-10 a.m. on 1510 NBC Sports Radio Boston, and online at 1510nbcsportsradio.com, with every show available on iTunes. He can also be read on Comcast SportsNet.*

This week, Danny talked with Barstool Sports' Bruins columnist Rear Admiral:

DANNY PICARD: The Bruins up 2-0 to the Penguins has me thinking, "Is this thing over?" If I had told you before the series that the Bruins were going to win the first two games in Pittsburgh, granted, I think a lot of us felt confident enough that we were going to give the Bruins a shot in this series. But did you ever think that they were going to win the first two in Pittsburgh and win the second one like they did [on Monday]?

REAR ADMIRAL: Honestly, I can't say I'm surprised. Maybe by the score I'm surprised. But, I mean, this is kind of playing out exactly how I saw it. The goaltending has been the difference. The disparities are so huge. Tuukka is just so in the zone. He's just so calm and collected out there. And then down the other end, Vokoun, he hasn't been awful, but he hasn't made a save when they needed him to [through Game 2]. It almost looked like a panic move in Game 2 as the crowd chants "Fleury" and they put him in. It just looked like cause and effect. I'm sure Bylsma wasn't reacting to the crowd, but it just looked so bad that the crowd was chanting for him, and they put him in, and the first shot he sees he gives up a goal. I'm not surprised that the Bruins are up 2-0. Again, the dominance of 9-1 through two games, I didn't see that. I thought the Penguins would have had at least a few goals. The first two games of this series is kind of how I thought it would play out a little bit, maybe not 9-1 though.

DP: If you look at the difference in this series after two games, to me, it's not just the goaltending, but it's also the defense that's being played in front of the goaltender. And you can go back to 2011 and look at the Bruins, and I know Tim Thomas made some fantastic saves, but the Bruins' defense played great towards the end of the year and into the 2011 playoffs in front of Tim Thomas. And they're doing the same right now in front of Tuukka Rask. And it's something Pittsburgh's defense is not doing through the first two games of the series. I don't know that I want to blame the Penguins goaltending too much after Game 2, if I'm a Penguin fan.

RA: Eh, I don't know, six goals is not good. But I understand what you're saying. Pittsburgh's team defense has been terrible, where the Bruins' has been outstanding. The Bruins have sticks on the ice, especially in Game 1. Their stick play in Game 1 was incredible. They didn't really need it as much in Game 2 because they had such a huge early lead. Their layers have been great. They've been in all the lanes. They're just clogging up everything. And the Penguins aren't concentrating on their defense. And it's obvious. Like you just said, it's there. You can see it on the ice. The defense has been terrible. Kris Letang -- a Norris Trophy winner -- you've got to laugh at any journalist who voted for him on their ballot because he's been

the opposite of defense so far. Through two games, he's got two shots on net, he's a minus-five, he was awful in Game 2. They're a team in disarray. You don't know if it's locker room chemistry. In the locker room, does Sid run the show in their? Like Amonte said on TV the other night, is Bylsma in there yelling at him when he's not getting back on D. We've seen two or three times with Crosby with lazy back checks. The Bruins looked like they broke the Penguins' spirit in Game 2. I can't imagine the Penguins have much confidence [going into Game 3], given what they do have in net.

DP: Who would you start in net after Game 2, if you were coaching the Penguins?

RA: I'd probably go with Vokoun. Fleury's been an absolute puddle, against the Islanders. He's been terrible for the last -- this is four years in a row now that this guy hasn't been as good as good as he's needed to be. Vokoun hasn't been great. His rebound control has been terrible, but he hasn't been awful. I agree with you that it's not his fault they've been losing the games, but at the same time, he hasn't been making the timely saves. But I think he's the less worst of the two right now. Either way, they can't be confident with either guy. It's almost like the Penguins psyched themselves out. They were kind of believing these were the big bad brawny Bruins, and they didn't realize that this team is skilled. They didn't score all these

goals the last couple of years because they bury people into the boards and bull their way to the net. And I think the Penguins psyched themselves up for some backyard alley fight when the Bruins just came to play hockey.

DP: With a 2-0 series lead coming back to Boston for -- if necessary -- three of the next four, is this series over?

RA: I think it is. I know everyone's bringing up the 1991 Penguins who came back from 2-0, but you know what, I had a full head of hair and weighed 160 pounds in 1991. That doesn't mean anything right now. They don't have Mario Lemeux and that whole team waiting in the wings. There's no Tom Barrasso. This team, like I keep saying, dead man walking. There's something wrong with them, there's something out of sync with them, whether it's in the locker room or with the coach's game plan. And I can't see that they're going to be all that confident in whatever goalie they throw out there. Because they just look out of sorts. They just look bad. I don't think it's something that they're going to fix in just one game. They may even win [Game 3], but I don't see the Penguins winning this series. The Bruins, if they keep playing like [Games 1 and 2], there's no way they're going to lose this series. And Tuukka is just in that spot. He's not giving up any goals [in games 1 and 2]. I don't see him faltering all of a sudden. I'd be surprised if this goes more than five games at this stage.

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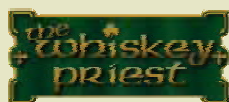
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